CHAPTER XX.

Freight Cases—Disposal of.

288. *Orders of Government.*—Under arrangements sanctioned in the year 1888, as per Government Resolution, Finance Department, No. 3910, dated 19th December 1888, cases containing miscellaneous stores and publications meant for both civil and military officers and for department of the Government of India, the Provincial Governments and various institutions and bodies in India are received from the Director General of Stores, India Store Department, London, by the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, acting as the Indian Exchange Distributing Agency. The stationery office distributed the contents of the cases to the addressees concerned and the cost incurred on postage and other incidental charges in this connection was wholly borne by the Government of Bombay.

289. *Changed procedure.*—Owing to the enactment of the Government of India Act of 1935 and under the changed constitutional relationship between the Central and the Provincial Governments, it would no longer be proper for the Government of Bombay to bear the whole cost of distribution. On a question on this analogy raised by the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, the Government of Bombay have decided that the existing arrangement of distribution should continue provided the Government of India and other Provincial Governments and Institutions agree to accept a debit on account of the cost incurred on the distribution on postage and other items.

290. *Government of Burma.*—In view of the separation of Burma from India, the Director General, India Store Department, London, was requested to send the stores and publications intended for officers and institutions in Burma direct and the Government of Burma has agreed to this arrangement (Government of Burma letter No. 732/37 (2919), dated 29th September 1937.

291. *Indian States.*—Stores and Publications for Indian States will not in future be sent to the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay (Letter No. S. 5410/37, dated 25th July 1939, from the Director General, India Stores Department, London, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay in the General Department).

292. *Defence Department.*—It has been arranged that packages containing stores for the Defence Department should be addressed to the Ordnance Officer, Ordnance Depot, Bombay and Military Publications intended for that department should be forwarded to the Embarkation Commandant, Bombay. (Government of Bombay, General Department, letter No. 1923/33-A, dated 9th October 1937, to the Director General of Stores, India Store Department, London).

293. *Government of India and other Provincial Governments except Government of Madras.*—It has also been ordered that in the case of the

Government of India and other Provincial Governments, stores and publications received by the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, should be distributed as hitherto and the charges actually incurred by him on postage, etc. with an addition of 33⅓ per cent. as overhead charges be debited to the budget grant of the Governments concerned and adjusted every month by book transfer through the relating Accounts Officers. (Government Resolution, General Department, No. 1923/33, dated 10th March 1938).

294. *Government of Madras.*—In the case of the Government of Madras, the cost of distributing the stores and publications should not be recovered from the individual departments, officers and institutions, but should be recovered from the Presidency Port Officer (Consignment Section), Madras. (*Vide* orders issued in Government Resolution, General Department, No. 1923/33, dated 28th September 1938).

295. *Procedure followed by the Stationery Office, Bombay.*—The office of the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, maintains separate accounts month by month for the Government of India and for each Provincial Government showing the cost incurred on postage, etc., in each case (Government Resolution, General Department, No. 1923/33, dated 19th October 1937, paragraph 2).

The account of the Government of India should cover stores and publications distributed to (*i*) officers, departments and institutions under the jurisdiction of that Government, wherever they may be stationed or situated, and (*ii*) officers, departments and institutions in Centrally administered areas (e.g. Delhi, Ajmere-Merwara, Baluchistan, etc.). The account for each Province should cover stores and publications distributed to the officers and departments of the Province and to institutions other than those which are under the direct control of the Central Government.

Freight Cases.

Distribution of publications and miscellaneous stores received from the Director General of Stores, India Store Department, London, by the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay.

General Department Resolution No. 1923/33, dated 9th October 1937.

Read letter from the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, No. S. B. 1683, dated the 8th March 1937.

Read letter to the Government of India and to all Provincial Governments, No. 1923/33-A, dated 18th August 1937.

Read replies of the Government of India and some of the Provincial Governments.

RESOLUTION.—Under arrangements made in 1888, cases containing miscellaneous stores and publications meant for officers and

departments of the Government of India and the several Provincial Governments and for various institutions in India are received from the Director General, India Store Department, London, by the Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, Bombay, who distributes the stores and publications to the addresses. After consulting the Government of India and the other Provincial Governments the Government of Bombay are pleased to direct that with effect from 1st October 1937, the charges actually incurred on postage, packing and other incidental expenses in the case of stores and publications distributed to officers, departments or institutions outside their jurisdiction, should be recovered from the Government concerned.

2. The Superintendent, Government Printing and Stationery, should maintain separate accounts, month by month, for the Government of India and for each Provincial Government showing the cost incurred on postage etc. in each case. The account for the Government of India should cover stores and publications distributed to (*i*) officers, departments and institutions under the jurisdiction of that Government, wherever they may be stationed or situated, and (*ii*) officers and departments and institutions in Centrally administered areas (e.g. Delhi, Baluchistan, Ajmere-Merwara, etc.). The accounts for each Province should cover stores and publications distributed to the officers and departments of the Province and to institutions in the Province other than those which are under the direct control of the Central Government.

3. Separate orders will be issued with regard to the mode of recovery of the charges due from the Government of India and the Provincial Governments.

General Department Resolution No. 1923/33, dated 10th March 1938.

Read Government Resolution, General Department, No. 1923/33, dated the 9th October 1937.

Letter from the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands, No. F. 73–50/37-E, dated the 21st December 1937.

RESOLUTION:—Government are pleased to direct that the cost of distribution of stores and publications received from the Director General of Stores, India Store Department, London, to officers, departments (other than the Defence Department) and institutions under the Government of India and Local Administrations should be debited to the budget grant of the officer, etc., and adjusted monthly by book transfer through the accounts officer concerned.

General Department Resolution No. 1923/33, dated 7th July 1939.

Read Government Resolution, General Department, No. 1923/33, dated the 10th March 1938.

Letter from the Government of Bihar, Revenue Department, No. 1165/IV-S. 6-Com., dated the 16th May 1938.

RESOLUTION.—In amplification of the orders issued in Government Resolution, General Department, No. 1923/33, dated the 10th March 1938, the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that the cost of distribution of stores and publications received from the Director-General of Stores, India Store Department, London, to officers, departments and institutions under the Provincial Governments should also be debited to the budget grant of the officers, etc., and adjusted monthly by book transfer through the accounts officer concerned as is done in the case of the Government of India.

General Department Resolution No. 1923/33, dated 28th September 1939.

Letter from the Government of Madras, Education and Public, Health Department, No. 28162-B-1, dated the 1st August 1939.

I am directed to invite your attention to Mr. Masterman's letters Nos. 38160-B-2, dated 15th September 1938, and No. 6033-B-5, dated the 31st March 1938, wherein it was explained that provision for the charges in question would be made under a new budget head "25, General Administration"—Agent for Government Consignments B—Other charges, charges payable to the Government of Bombay for the despatch of packets received from England by Government Departments in Madras and that recoveries should not be made from individual officers. It has since been decided that expenditure under this new budget head should in future be controlled by the Presidency Port Officer that correspondence on the subject should be addressed to the Presidency Port Officer (Consignment Section).

I am directed to request that if there is no objection Bombay Government Resolution dated 7th July 1939 may be amended accordingly so far as it relates to this Presidency.

RESOLUTION.—In modification of the orders issued in Government Resolution, General Department, No. 1923/33, dated the 7th July 1939, Government is pleased to direct that so far as the Government of Madras is concerned the cost of distribution of stores and publications received from the Director-General of Stores, India Store Department, London, to officers, departments and institutions should not be recovered from the individual officers but it should be recovered from the Presidency Port Officer (Consignment Section) as requested by the Government of Madras in their foregoing letter.